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SUBJ: DEFENSE AND INTERNAL SECURITY SURVEY OF UAE

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1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD ARE KEEPING UNDER REVIEW RECOMMENDATION MADE IN REF (A) THAT US TEAM BE SENT TO UAE TO STUDY UNION DEFENSE FORCE AND ABU DHABI DEFENSE FORCE MILITARY REQUIREMENTS. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, WE SEE GREATER

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URGENCY IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO UAE IN EXAMINING ITS

GENERAL INTERNAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, ESPECIALLY PHYSICAL SECURITY, AND ITS SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT NEEDS IN THIS FIELD. WE BELIEVE AT PRESENT JUNCTURE, UAE OUGHT TO BE EVEN MORE CONCERNED ABOUT ABILITY TO COPE WITH MOUNTING INTERNAL SECURITY THREATS PRESENTED BY BLACK SEPTEMBER ORGANIZATION (BSO) AND PFLOAG CELLS. ACTIVITIES OF URBAN-BASED EXTREMIST AND TERRORIST GROUPS COULD POSE IMMEDIATE THREAT TO TRANQUILITY OF UAE AND MOST SERIOUS THREAT TO UAE'S VITAL OIL INSTALLATIONS. IT APPEARS TO US THAT BEEFING UP OF MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECURITY/ POLICE APPARATUS WOULD BE MORE USEFUL THAN SEEKING TO RESPOND TO THE MANIFEST EAGERNESS OF THE UAEG TO EXPAND AND MODERNIZE CONVENTIONAL LAND, SEA AND AIR FORCES.

2. AID/OPS SPECIALIST JETER WILLIAMSON IS NOW SCHEDULED TO WIND UP TDY STINT IN SAUDI ARABIA ON AUGUST 13. HE COULD, IF DESIRED, CONDUCT AT NO COST TO UAE PRELIMINARY TWO OR THREE DAY INVESTIGATION IN UAE IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. UNLESS EMBASSY PERCEIVES OBJECTION, IT SHOULD INFORM UAEG OF WILLIAMSON'S AVAILABILITY AND MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, INFORM KEY UK NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS IN UAE IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY BRITISH MISUNDERSTANDINGS. WILLIAMSON IS HIGHLY EXPERIENCED AID/OPS OFFICIAL WHO SUCCESSFULLY HEADED AID POLICE ADVISORY MISSION IN SAUDI ARABIA FOR THREE YEARS. HE WOULD COME WITH HIGHEST CREDENTIALS.

3. IF UAEG AGREEABLE TO WILLIAMSON VISIT, WE WOULD PLAN INFORM UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. ROGERS

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